



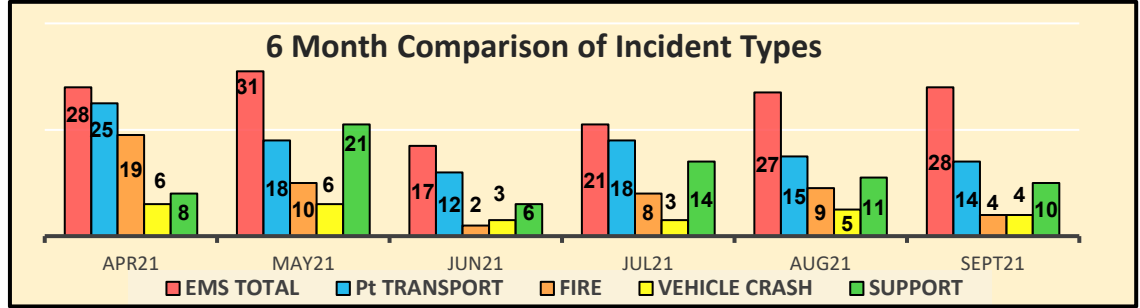
Fire, Rescue, EMS, Disaster Management

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2021 INCIDENTS

SEPTEMBER: 47

Year-to-date: 433



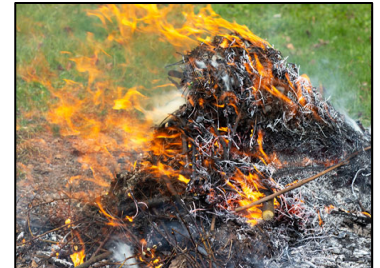
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| EMS – 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grady transports – 14 CHFD transports – 0 Air/Medivac – 1 Patient Refusal - 8 COVID-related – 5 Deaths – 1 Other – 0 | Fire – 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential – 0 Commercial – 0 Woods/Grass – 0 Fire Alarm – 3 Smoke only – 0 Vehicle – 0 Sprinkler system – 0 Illegal burn – 0 Other – 1 | Service – 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees down - 2 Wires down – 1 Lockout – 0 Invalid Assist – 4 Wellness check – 1 Water leak – 0 Gas leak – 1 Public Service – 0 Other – 1 | Vehicle Accidents – 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mech extrication – 0 HAZMAT – 1 Rescue/Search – 0 Other - 0 |
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Fire Operations



Congratulations to Fire Captain Thanh Nguyen— Veteran CHFD firefighter Thanh Nguyen has been promoted to Fire Captain. Nguyen has served the City since its first day of operation beginning 2008 for a total of 14 years serving the citizens of Chattahoochee Hills.. Captain Nguyen’s fire career reaches back to 1992 when he began with Fulton County.

Burning Allowed— Burning hand-piled vegetation is now allowed until May 1. Although Georgia laws changed certain requirements in 2020 and permits through the Georgia Forestry Commission are no longer necessary, Chattahoochee Hills’ ordinance #17-06-169 requires property owners still take the following steps:



- Phone CHFD (770-463-8177) to register burning at your location. <https://gatrees.org/burn-permits-and-notifications/>
- Burn only hand-piled vegetation (machine-piled debris may require a permit from Georgia Forestry and the City). Burning garbage, tires, plastics, synthetics, etc. is illegal any time.
- Tend burn piles at all times until fire is out (before dark). “Tending” includes an adult being present to monitor the fire AND providing a water source or machinery for fire control.

A city ordinance is deemed necessary because of dense wooded areas closely interfaced to many residential properties; weather conditions may not allow you to burn. Also, smoke can be a nuisance under certain weather conditions, so connecting with CHFD can help control certain problems—extinguishment may be required if complaints are received.

Properties zoned “agriculture” with farming occurring thereon as related to “harvestable crops” may burn year-round. The City of Chattahoochee Hills still requires these property owners advise the Fire Department of burn activity, also.

EMS Operations



REMINDER: Call 911— Often residents think it’s better to just phone the Fire Station direct with information about an emergency—nothing could be further from the truth. What if personnel aren’t at the station and responding on another incident? 911 Operators will know our status and start resources from nearby departments, as necessary. In fact, if you phone the Fire Station with an emergency we are going to immediately advise 911/Dispatch of your emergency to (1) document, (2) start an ambulance, (3) place the department into “response mode” so we don’t receive another call until your needs are met.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

What's the real truth at this moment about COVID?

The COVID pandemic just keeps on influencing us all in one way or another. Some have experienced the death of a family member or friend, others have survived after a very difficult hospital care regimen, and many struggle with the vaccination issue—VACCINATE or NOT.

COVID by the numbers ...

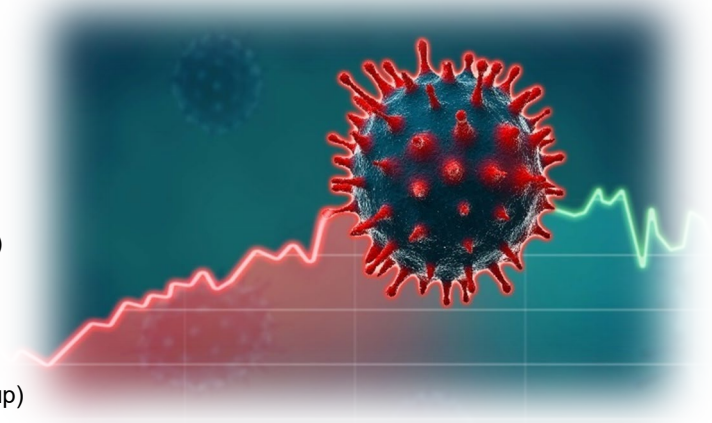
October 1, 2021, statistics as reported by the Georgia Department of Public Health indicate the following ...

Cases

- **1,225,670 in Georgia**
(latest increase in cases within 18-29 age group)
- **108,037 in Fulton County**

Deaths

- **22,626 in Georgia**
(highest number of deaths within 60-69 age group)
- **1,522 in Fulton County**



COVID in Chattahoochee Hills ...

CHFD EMS units continue weekly to respond on persons presenting with COVID-like symptoms. Likewise, AFCEMA statistics demonstrate a higher number of COVID-positive diagnoses for persons residing in south Fulton County areas; some decline in cases was noted on October 1.

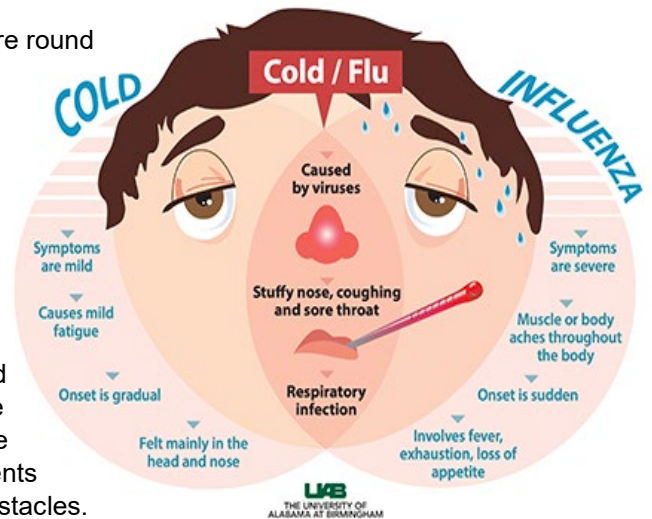
While the vaccination opportunity on Friday, September 3, was a success, no follow-up clinics are planned within the City. *YourTown Health* in Palmetto remains an excellent option Tuesday-Friday each week—no appointment is required for first, second or booster vaccinations.

CDC officials are warning of the possibility of a third, severe round of COVID during the coming winter months.

Flu season ...

Getting a flu shot is definitely a good idea this year, and flu vaccinations are readily available now at most all area pharmacies.

The number of influenza cases in Georgia has taken an upturn ranking severity a 5 on a 1-10 scale. In fact, the lack of flu during the 2020-21 season may have decreased normal levels of immunity. Health experts and CDC advise the combined contraction of influenza and COVID could be catastrophic to your immune system, and secondary ailments such as pneumonia could mean insurmountable health obstacles.



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